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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS



ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1967

REPORT PRESENTED BY

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967

p r e f a c e

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the health of the District during 1967. Included in the Report is the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

The year passed quietly and apart from a small flurry of cases of Measles early in the year there were no serious outbreaks of illness. The Borough continues to grow as shown by the increase in population, number of houses and rateable value.

No action was necessary for the compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, and no persons were buried in accordance with Section 50 of the same Act.

In July your Medical Officer of Health ceased to be Medical Officer of Health of Brixham and Paignton as well, and became Medical Officer of Health to eight other Local Authorities instead, comprising Area No. 5 South West Devon. Dartmouth joined this new Medical Officer of Health area, making nine Local Authorities in all. In addition your Medical Officer of Health continued to act part-time as an Assistant County Medical Officer to the Devon County Council.

John Wildman.

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1968.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the session 1967/68
was Alderman Mr. R.M. Hoare.

S E C T I O N A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Dartmouth Borough

7,190 (7,010)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	...	- 12	(+ 28)
Migration in or out	...	...	...	+ 192	(- 38)
Total increase or decrease	...	...	...	+ 180	(- 10)

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in Acres 1,925

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (31st March)

2,663 (2,560)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	...	1.384	(1.329)
Number of Persons per acre	...	...	...	3.736	(3.642)
Number of Persons per house	...	...	...	2.700	(2.738)

Rateable Value of District (31st December, 1967)

£218,763

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£845

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1966 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 12.9 (18.88)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.13 (1.31)

<u>Number of Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total</u>	39	43	82
Legitimate	36	40	76
Illegitimate	3	3	6
<u>Number of Still Births</u>	0	1	1

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 12.2 (9.68)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.93 (0.93)

<u>Number of Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>All Ages - Total</u>	50	44	94
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>	1	2	3
Number under 4 weeks of age	1	1	2
Number under 1 week of age	1	1	2

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 37.0 (9.90)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 17.2 (17.7) DEATH RATE: 11.2 (11.7)

Infantile Mortality Rate: 18.3 (19.0)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1967

(Table 1)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					
		<u>Under</u> 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	<u>Over</u> 65
Whooping Cough	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Measles	167	6	85	76	0	0	0

(Table 2)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>			
		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Whooping Cough	3	0	0	0	0
Measles	167	139	28	0	0

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Regulations certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccinations in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1967

<u>Line No.</u>						<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
	ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	50	44
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
8	Measles	...	...	...	...	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	...	...	...	...	3	1
11	" " lungs, bronchus	...	...	...	...	3	1
12	" " breast	...	...	...	...	0	1
13	" " uterus	...	...	...	...	-	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	3	5
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	0
16	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	0	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	6	10
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	14	9
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
20	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	2	3
21	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	5	2
22	Influenza	...	...	...	...	0	0
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3	1
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	4	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	0	0
28	Nephritis, nephrosis	...	...	...	...	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	1	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	-	0
31	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	1	2
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	2	2
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	1	1
35	Suicide	...	...	...	...	0	2
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	0	0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR DARTMOUTH

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter and Plymouth.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, available at Dartmouth. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Ambulance Service

The ambulance service at Dartmouth, now radio controlled from Torquay, is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. (Telephone: Torquay 39345). Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

There are two District Nurses and Midwives (Telephone: Dartmouth 2247), one Health Visitor (Telephone: Stoke Fleming 243), a Welfare Centre at 1, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth, (Telephone: Dartmouth 2845) and another at Townstal.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisation

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 6, Fair View Road, Dartmouth. Telephone: Dartmouth 2505.

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Worker in Mental Health, Mr. P. Rescorla, D.C.C. Clinic, "Rosabelle", Plymouth Rd., Totnes. Telephone: Totnes 3534.

Help in respect of mentally subnormal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

Chiropody Service

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Welfare Centre, 1, Mayor's Avenue (Telephone: 2845). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Sessions are held every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday each month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the third Monday each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital (23 beds) is administered by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. Patients from Dartmouth also attend the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, which is the principal general hospital for the area. Chronic sick can receive treatment at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and at Newton Abbot Hospital.

All the above beds are managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee within the South-Western Regional Hospital Board. The Devon County Council provides 24 beds at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and 15 beds at Newton Abbot Hospital for the care of aged persons, under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES.

There are 4 General Medical Practitioners and 2 Dentists at Dartmouth. There is also a school dental clinic at the Welfare Clinic, 1, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth.

OTHER SERVICES

A rest room for elderly people functions at Market Street. It is comfortably furnished and light refreshments may be obtained. Meals-on-wheels are distributed by W.R.V.S. volunteers and delivered twice weekly.

A Family Planning Clinic is held on the first Wednesday evening of each month commencing at 6.30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Dartmouth are periodically arranged by the S.W. Blood Transfusion Service.

The Council owns a steam operated disinfecter which is in regular use. There is also a mortuary managed by the Council.

S E C T I O N C

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1967

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1967 and in doing so wish to thank my colleagues in other departments for their help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V. E. HUGHES.

Public Health Inspector.

August, 1968.

WATER SUPPLY

PUBLIC Source of Supply

Drinking water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board from their moorland supplies on Dartmoor and the Norton Reservoir at Dartmouth.

South West Devon Water Board

With the exception of a few private supplies mentioned below the Board supplies water to the whole of the town. The Board regularly takes samples of water for bacteriological examination.

We appreciate very much the way the Board have co-operated during the year and their prompt response to calls made upon them when urgent repairs have been required to water mains. The water supplied to the Borough is not plumbo-solvent.

PRIVATE Sources of Supply

There are 32 properties in the Borough deriving water from private springs or shallow wells. Most of these properties are too remote from the mains supply to make connections economically possible.

A total of 34 water samples was taken from private supplies and 10 samples showed evidence of bacteriological contamination in varying degrees. Consumers were advised to boil the water for human consumption when contamination was confirmed.

There are nine main sewer outfalls belonging to the Council and these discharge into the tidal waters of the estuary of the River Dart.

During 1967 routine water sampling from the River Dart adjacent to sewage outfalls from the Borough was continued. Three samples were taken. Overall the samples showed no increase in contamination over the previous year. However variations can be accounted for by the state of the tide and the volume of water running down the river when the samples are taken. It is found that the greatest degree of contamination occurs at low water. Rapid dilution occurs with a high tide or heavy rainfall.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household refuse is collected weekly, and is disposed of by controlled tipping on land at Jawbones. This site however is rapidly becoming filled and it was decided that tipping on this should terminate early in the new year. Arrangements have been finalised whereby a site in the Kingsbridge Rural District should be made available to the Borough who would be required to make a contribution towards the cost of maintenance. Labour and transport costs will also be increased by the greater distance involved.

Trade refuse is collected twice weekly, free of charge. Any special collections are charged for at the rate of one shilling per bin; this applied particularly to some food premises in the summer months where twice weekly collection was found to be insufficient.

Each year the weekly total of refuse increases with the increased number of houses and business premises, and influx of summer visitors.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infectious Illness

One hundred and seventy cases of infectious illness were notified. Measles predominated. No cases of suspected food poisoning were notified.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

The Steam Disinfector was tested by the insurers during the year and found in good working order. There were 53 articles treated. Most of the articles were dealt with on behalf of the hospital authorities. The cost of treatments was fully recovered. One ward of the hospital was fumigated following an infectious illness. Two occupiers of Council houses were required to cleanse their houses which were fouled by the keeping of animals. One house was treated for vermin.

Caravan Sites

Two permanent sites of 30 and 85 caravans have been licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. Planning permission was given for the erection of 72 chalets on the Norton Park site and most of these were completed and occupied in the summer months.

The annual survey made in August on behalf of the County Council revealed that there were 99 caravans occupied on the two licensed sites. Inspection during the summer months found the sites very satisfactory on all occasions. One complaint was received but inspection of the chalet concerned did not substantiate the complaint. A new swimming pool was completed at Norton Park late in the season but was not put in use before the season finished.

Roadside Camping

There was only one case of roadside camping which required attention. The owner of the caravan concerned was given twenty four hours in which to remove it and did so.

Oil Pollution of Beaches

Preparations were made to clear the River Dart and beaches following the Torrey Canyon disaster; fortunately the pollution did not reach the Town and the equipment was not required.

Holiday Cottages

Holiday cottages at Compass Cove were all inspected prior to opening for the season and were well conducted during the summer. The private water supply which is derived from a shallow well was sampled periodically and found free from bacterial contamination. No complaints were received and the site was found very satisfactory on all occasions when visited.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Borough.

HOUSING

Inspections

A total of 204 properties in the Borough were visited under the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1967. They were dealt with on 652 occasions principally by inspection or reinspection where notices were served for the remedy of defects or where defects were suspected or complained of.

196 complaints were received and dealt with during the year. The following list gives a summary of repair work completed and inspected:-

Roofs	18
External walls	16
Internal plastering	13
Ceilings	6
Floors	10
Windows	6
Chimneys	5
Fireplaces	6

DRAINAGE

Inspections made	80
Tests carried out	45
Drains repaired	35
Rainwater pipes and gutters	10
New drains laid (excluding new properties) ...	9
Inspection chambers built or repaired	18

Number of Informal Notices served and completed	111
Number of Statutory Notices served and completed	7

Overcrowding

Seven cases of suspected overcrowding were investigated during the year. Five were confirmed 4 of which were in Council property and were due for rehousing in the new year. The other case was resolved by the removal of part of the family outside the Town.

Substandard Housing

No houses were demolished. Three were closed for human habitation, one by a Closing Order and the other 2 by undertakings by the owners.

Three Closing Orders were determined on completion of satisfactory repairs. At the end of the year there remained 16 unfit properties subject to Closing Orders, one of which still remained occupied.

Rent Act, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Improvement Grants

Thirty three properties were inspected in connection with applications for improvement grants; altogether 72 visits of advice were made. Thirteen were completed and grants paid in connection therewith amounted to £2,297. 6s. 5d. One application was received from a tenant for the compulsory improvement of the house he occupied, and an immediate improvement notice was served.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Three premises were dealt with in connection with the Abatement of Noise, 2 were satisfactorily resolved, the third resolved at the time is still on occasions giving cause for concern.

Council Houses

Council houses were visited on 18 occasions in connection with lack of cleanliness, the keeping of animals, poultry, overcrowding or rehousing. The houses on the Council estate gave little trouble during the year.

Ten applicants for Council houses were visited in connection with rehousing; reports were submitted to the Housing Officer.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk Supply

There are four registered dairies in the Town. The pasteurising plant at one ceased to operate during the year and supplies were received from a plant outside the Town. One farm is registered for the sale of tuberculin tested farm bottled milk. The remaining farmers dispatch all milk produced to a central pasteurising plant. All the milk supplied to schools was pasteurised. Samples of school milk when tested gave satisfactory results.

Milk Samples

Twenty three samples of milk were sent to the laboratory for the methylene blue cleanliness test. Three failed the test and the remainder passed. Two farms were involved in the failures, a repeat sample from one proved satisfactory; both were investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Eight samples of cream were taken and all passed the cleanliness, pasteurisation and faecal coli tests. Eleven samples were submitted for the Tuberculin Test and all were declared free from evidence of disease. Twenty one samples were tested for Brucella Abortus which causes undulant fever in man. All samples were clear of infection.

One complaint involving the milk supply to the Town was received during the year. This concerned a milk bottle which had been used on firework night and was smoke stained. It had passed through the cleaning plant without being noticed. No action was taken. Misuse of milk bottles is a constant headache to dairymen.

Food Premises

During the year over 600 visits were made to the market and 107 food premises in the town. Details are as follows:-

<u>Number and Type of Food Premises</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Market and Stalls (10 Stallholders)	50
20 Cafes and Restaurants, Canteens	167
16 Bakehouses and Confectioners	101
27 Hotels and Licensed Premises	116
27 Ice Cream Premises	36
9 Wet and Fried Fish Shops	27
10 Butchers and 2 Mobile Shops	96
21 Fruit and Grocery	106
4 Dairies	37

Two grocers and 2 fish and chip shops closed during the year.

Faults found on periodic visits and infringements remedied are listed as follows:-

Dirty floor in shop premises.
Redecoration of shop premises.
Maggots in refuse bins.
Defective drainage (6 cases).

There were no cases of suspected food poisoning reported during the year.

Ice Cream

At the end of the year there were twenty seven premises registered and selling ice cream. Two of these are registered for manufacture.

Thirty six samples of ice cream were taken for bacterial examination 28 of the samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory), 3 in Grade II (fair), 4 in Grade III (unsatisfactory), 1 in Grade IV (very bad). Registration of the premises was withdrawn pending satisfactory treatment.

Unsound Food

Food inspected and surrendered by retailers as being unfit for human consumption, is listed below:-

<u>Canned Food</u>	<u>lb.</u>	<u>Canned Food</u>	<u>lb.</u>	<u>Other Food</u>	
Ham	119	Soup	1	Beef	174 lbs.
Peaches	14	Beans	9	Cheese	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Pears	11	Jaffa Juice	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Vinegar	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.
Oranges	1	Marmalade	1	Pickles	36 ozs.
Grapefruit	13	Mixed vegetables	6	Veal	10 lbs.
Pineapple	8	Sausage	2		
Tomatoes	9	Tomato Juice	8		
Peas	8	Pork	$1\frac{1}{2}$		
Carrots	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Luncheon Meat	$4\frac{1}{2}$		
Spaghetti	1	Fruit Cocktail	2		
Milk	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sardines	$\frac{1}{4}$		
Stewed Steak	2	Pineapple Juice	1		
Corned Beef	20				

Food Samples

The following is a summary of the samples taken in Dartmouth during 1967:-

18 samples of Milk of which 16 were completely satisfactory. The remaining 2 showed small fat deficiencies which were dealt with by warning letters. 2 of these milk samples were submitted to ascertain if penicillin was present in the milk, and on each occasion the Analyst reported that penicillin was absent.

16 samples of foodstuffs, other than milk, were submitted and the Analyst only commented as follows on 2 of the samples:-

- (a) The first was a complaint that a tin of Red Salmon contained "sharp matter like glass". The Analyst reported that the glass-like particles consisted of magnesium ammonium phosphate, a natural constituent of fish. Harmless, therefore no action was taken.
- (b) The second was an adverse report on foil covered chocolate novelties, where he said that all the eleven portions of chocolate confectionary had suffered spoilage by reason of a growth of mould. He was of the opinion that the growth of mould rendered the chocolate confectionery unfit for human consumption. A warning letter was sent.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

The Operator works half-time on Rodent Control and half-time on general duties. This arrangement was adequate to control infestation. The table below summarises the action taken during the year.

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
<u>Properties other than Sewers</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of Properties in District	2723	15
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	181	3
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	114	3
(ii) Mice	57	3
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	22	0

Rodent Control continued

<u>Properties other than Sewers</u>		<u>Non</u> <u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
(b) Number infested by	(i) Rats	6	0
	(ii) Mice	3	0

Sewers infested by rats during the year - Nil.

Farms

Forty visits were made to farms in connection with rodent control, milk supplies, private water supplies or The Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. Some rat infestation was found and was successfully dealt with.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Generally speaking occupiers of premises dealt with under the Act co-operated well with all requirements. Only 5 notices were issued for infringements. Catering establishments were dealt with primarily under the Food & Drugs Act and Food Hygiene Regulations. No complaints were made by employees. Only one accident was notified and investigated; this was not of a serious nature.

A summary of the annual return for the year 31st December, 1967, is as follows:-

Table A
Registration and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>during 1967</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>to date</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Registered</u> <u>premises</u> <u>inspected</u>
Office	5	32	13
Retail Shops	11	71	30
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil

Table A continued

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>during 1967</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>to date</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Registered</u> <u>premises</u> <u>inspected</u>
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	2	28	12
Fuel Storage Depots	0	1	0

Table B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises:-

109

Table C

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by work place

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	175	365	540
<u>Class of Work Place</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>		
Offices	98		
Retail Shops	246		
Wholesale Dept. Warehouses	0		
Catering Establishments open to the public	183		
Canteens	0		
Fuel Storage Depots	13		

Table D

Exemptions

Part I	-	Space (Section 5(2))	... Nil
Part II	-	Temperature (Section 6)	... Nil
Part III	-	Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9)	... Nil
Part IV	-	Washing Facilities (Section 10)	... Nil

Table E
Prosecutions

Nil.

Table F
Inspectors

No. of Inspectors appointed under
Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act ... 1

No. of other staff employed for
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act ... Nil

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

There is only one registered user of Rag Flock. Supplies are obtained from licensed premises outside the Borough. No samples were taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Periodic inspections under the Act were carried out and no notices were issued. Under the provisions of Section 40, suspension of the weekly half-day closing was sanctioned during the summer months.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS

Number of Licences granted to store Petroleum ... 8

Number of Licences granted to store Mixed Explosives ... 8

All premises were inspected prior to the issue of licences. Three petrol tanks were tested in connection with suspected leakage; the tests were satisfactory. 42 visits were made to petroleum installations and 40 to premises storing explosives.

GAME ACT, 1831

Three persons were licensed to deal in game.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

The Order makes it compulsory to boil all swill before it is fed to pigs. Premises so used are licensed by the County Council who delegate powers of inspection to the Local Authority. Only one was in use during the year and this was so unsatisfactory that the licence was cancelled pending improvements.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925

During the year a total of 232 land charge enquiries were dealt with in the Public Health Department. This figure gives some indication of the number of properties changing hands. Unfortunately many of the houses so doing are lost to the resident population because they are converted for holiday use only, either as retreats or for summer letting. Most of them are sold at very enhanced prices which put them beyond the reach of most people on the housing waiting list, or of young married couples.

S E C T I O N D

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1967.

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power: (Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	6
Inspections	...	...	...	...	0
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power: (Section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	31
Inspections	...	...	...	...	59
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(iii) Other Premises under the Act: (Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	0
Inspections	...	...	...	...	0
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

2. Cases in which Defects were found

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Defects referred</u>	
			<u>to H.M.</u>	<u>by H.M.</u>
			<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
(1)	(1) (c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

(7) There were no prosecutions

